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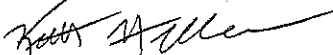
Dear Senate Energy & Technology Committee,

Top Grade Site Management, LLC is a West Michigan based excavating company and aggregate supplier that shares an interest in recycling yard waste in a DEQ Certified Composting Facility. Top Grade Site Management, LLC has been working very closely with I.B. Compost, LLC in recent years to provide recycled materials to Michigan communities desiring recycled and environmentally sustainable products. Compost obtained from recycled yard waste is becoming an increasingly popular product among the farming, landscaping, and excavating industries. For example, from the 2010 -2011 DEQ reporting year to the 2012 -2013 DEQ reporting year, Top Grade Site Management assisted I.B. Compost with increasing its collection of yard waste by 46.36%, and increasing its distribution of Compost products by 99.82%. With these statistics, it can be easily seen that Compost facilities are becoming more valuable to West Michigan. The composting industry is expanding, creating valuable products and employment opportunities.

Compost as a product is a strong substitute for Michigan Screened Topsoil. Compost provides a greater source of nutrients and organic matter as compared to screened topsoil. Long standing customers of Top Grade Site Management are beginning to realize this fact at an increasing rate. Not only is compost filled with more nutrients and organic matter, it is also a renewable resource. Compost facilities provide excellent areas to accumulate and control yard waste in order to recycle them into a product that is being used by many citizens and businesses of the State of Michigan.

It would be in the industries best interest to keep yard clippings out of landfills. Top Grade recognizes the value a compost facility such as I.B. Compost has with recycling and reuse of material in today's market. If yard waste is allowed to be dumped in landfills, we believe the material would not be used in the same beneficial way as it would be used at a compost facility. The market for compost is growing at a substantial rate. In order to support this growth, yard waste is needed at compost facilities to recycle into this essential product. Top Grade wishes to keep supporting the recycling of yard waste in compost facilities, and hopes the committee will see the benefits of a compost facility as well.

Sincerely,



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